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The House met at 9 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. TORRES of New York).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,
December 8, 2022.

I hereby appoint the Honorable RITCHIE TORRES to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NANCY PELOSI,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Margaret Grun Kibben, offered the following prayer:

Receive, O Lord, our best intentions for this day. Receive them, redeem them, and be present in them, that in whatever we do, Your will would be done.

Should we miss the mark, transform our efforts, that they would achieve the best outcomes for the people You have called us to serve. And when we are successful in meeting the expectations we have set for ourselves, set our sights even higher that we would strive to meet the potential You have called us to discover. Then may our work be fruitful and of benefit to Your creation.

In all that we set forth to do, may we heed Your direction and do what You desire for us without grumbling or questioning. But with joy and enthusiasm may we choose to follow Your will for us.

Whatever we do this day—what we eat or drink, what we say or think, where we go and where we are—may it reflect our love for You.

We offer ourselves to You, praying in Your most merciful name.
Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1 of rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentlewoman from Virginia (Ms. SPANBERGER) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ms. SPANBERGER led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will entertain up to five requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

NONCITIZEN VETERANS DESERVE PATHWAY TO CITIZENSHIP

(Ms. GARCIA of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. GARCIA of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise to celebrate the passage of the Veteran Service Recognition Act.

Shockingly, many noncitizen veterans have been unjustly deported after honorable service. This is wrong. It is cruel, and it must stop.

Veterans risk their lives to protect our Nation, and now it is up to us to honor their service regardless of their immigration status.

The historic passage of the Veteran Service Recognition Act honors noncitizen veterans and servicemembers by

giving them a fair shot at a pathway to citizenship.

It puts veterans over politics. It honors service over politics. It is fair, and it is the American way. That is why I was so proud to strongly support this bill that passed on Tuesday.

It is now up to the Senate to show noncitizen veterans and servicemembers the respect and dignity they deserve by passing the Veteran Service Recognition Act.

TCU HORNED FROGS HEADED TO CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

(Mr. WILLIAMS of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. WILLIAMS of Texas. Mr. Speaker, from given no chance in the preseason polls to making it to the Big 12 championship game, the TCU Horned Frogs have come a long way and are officially headed to the College Football Playoff game.

I am tremendously proud of the team for an incredible season, with 12 consecutive wins, ranking third in the Nation, and making history with being the first team in the State of Texas to make it to the College Football Playoff.

Needless to say, this has been a historic year for TCU, and it could not have been possible without our first-year coach and coach of the year, Sonny Dykes; our quarterback, Max Duggan; all the players and staff who work tirelessly on the sidelines and on the field to make the team one of the best in the country; and most importantly, all the fans, the best in the Nation, who showed up to every game decked out in TCU purple to cheer and support the Horned Frogs.

As a proud alumnus and trustee of the university, I look forward to watching the fighting TCU Horned Frogs take the field on December 31 at the Fiesta Bowl in Phoenix, Arizona.

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As Coach Dykes says, I can't wait to watch you play.

So riff, ram, bah zoo, go Frogs.

In God we trust.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF THE HONORABLE A. DONALD MCEACHIN

(Ms. SPANBERGER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. SPANBERGER. Mr. Speaker, I stand here today, a day after we celebrated the life of A. DONALD MCEACHIN, to again on the House floor remember the life and legacy of my friend, my mentor, and, as he used to call me, his neighbor. When I was first running for Congress, Mr. McEachin, Donald, used to tell people: I need a new neighbor in Virginia.

I had the privilege of working closely with him, learning from him, and being his friend throughout our service together in Congress and our work across our shared communities.

He was a good man who endeavored to make others feel heard throughout his career, whether he was in the courtroom, in the Virginia General Assembly, or here in Congress.

For decades, he served his community each day with a passion for people, a sense of humor, and an abiding faith in God. He was a relentless advocate for those who needed a voice, our natural resources, and every Virginian.

His passing leaves a hole in the hearts of so many. I will miss my friend, my brother, my mentor, and I stand here on the House floor to give my deepest condolences to his beloved wife, Colette; his wonderful, adored children, Mac, Briana, and Alexandra; and his beloved grandbaby.

He will be missed. We will continue to do right in his memory and in his honor.

CONGRATULATING DR. BRIAN TROOP

(Mr. SMUCKER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. SMUCKER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Dr. Brian Troop of Ephrata Area School District in Pennsylvania's 11th Congressional District for being selected as the 2023 Pennsylvania Superintendent of the Year by the Pennsylvania Association of School Administrators.

With over 500 districts in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Dr. Troop's selection speaks to the excellence he brings to Ephrata Area School District.

Dr. Troop was described as an exemplary, forward-thinking leader by PASA Executive Director Dr. Sherri Smith. I would certainly agree with those words.

I have had the pleasure of visiting the school district as a Member of Congress, and I was able to see firsthand the work that they are doing to pre-

pare students in STEM technologies as fifth-grade students were participating in a computer coding project. It was encouraging to see the district offer such an outstanding opportunity to their students.

I thank Dr. Troop for all of his work to provide an excellent education to students in the Ephrata Area School District. I congratulate him on being named the 2023 Pennsylvania Superintendent of the Year.

STOP POLITICAL FUNDRAISING SCHEMES

(Ms. PORTER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. PORTER. Mr. Speaker, getting Congress to enact widespread campaign finance reform feels as likely as getting snow in Orange County this Christmas. However, it shouldn't take a once-in-a-century holiday miracle to get Washington to stop political fundraising scams.

Con artists are exploiting loopholes in our election laws by fraudulently misrepresenting themselves as collecting donations meant for causes and candidates. These scam PACs actually use the money to line their own pockets. Worse, they target older Americans and veterans.

As a consumer protection attorney, I will always work to hold fraudsters accountable. With a Republican colleague, I have introduced legislation to help the Federal Election Commission punish these bad actors.

Americans of all political ideologies who participate in our democracy by donating shouldn't have to fear being cheated. I urge passage of my bipartisan bill to stop scam PACs.

YOU CAN'T MAKE THIS STUFF UP

(Mr. CLINE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. CLINE. Mr. Speaker, American families are ready for a joyous holiday season. Unfortunately, the Biden administration is the grinch that stole Christmas, as its failed Green New Deal agenda is forcing folks to pay record-high costs to heat their homes, fuel their cars, and feed their families.

From diesel to fuel oil, energy prices have skyrocketed. Households will pay an average of \$1,359 on energy bills this winter, the highest in 25 years.

Diesel prices are up 50 percent, and we shouldn't be surprised. President Biden likes to say: "I guarantee you, we are going to end fossil fuel." He has worked with the Pelosi majority to continue to push anti-energy policies.

Just last week, the Biden White House doubled down, saying they are still committed to phasing out fossil fuels. Well, they should look at what is happening over in Europe. After the European Union struck a deal to ban

new fossil fuel cars and speed up the switch to electric vehicles, Switzerland is now going to ban electric vehicles if it faces blackouts this winter. You can't make it up.

It is time for this administration to end its war on American energy. If we are going to regain our energy independence, we need an all-of-the-above approach.

HONORING ALBRIGHT COLLEGE'S TOTAL EXPERIENCE LEARNING MODEL

(Ms. HOULAHAN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. HOULAHAN. Mr. Speaker, as students across this country are readying to take their finals and midterms, I want to recognize Albright College's work to innovate education in the United States.

Albright's Total Experience Learning Dual Enrollment program lets high school juniors and seniors enroll in college courses and allows them to complete an entire semester of coursework before they even begin college. As a former high school chemistry teacher and leader of a literacy nonprofit myself, I am so proud of this successful program.

Next week, the president of Albright College will be at the United Nations, where Albright will be recognized by a science subcommittee of the United Nations as the innovative K-12 educator model for the United Nations International Year of Glass.

Without a doubt, the students and staff of Albright's Total Experience Learning are force multipliers, and it is my honor to represent and support all the forward-thinking constituents, businesses, and academic institutions like Albright within our Sixth Congressional District.

HIGHLIGHTING HELLS CANYON COLLABORATIVE

(Mr. FULCHER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. FULCHER. Mr. Speaker, our country is blessed with abundant natural resources that are the envy of the world. The governance of those resources is the responsibility of all of us to make our outdoor spaces manageable and accessible for enjoyment of all.

I am pleased to highlight the Hells Canyon Recreation Collaborative in my home State of Idaho. This collaborative was formed in December 2016 after a fee for boaters was proposed on the Snake River through Hells Canyon. Rafters, jet boaters, aviators, motorized recreation users, and others came together for its formation. As a 501(c)(3), they identified and raised separate resources so access could be maintained without a user fee increase.